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Public Hearing to be Held for Miller Road Improvement Project

The City of McHenry and the McHenry County Division of Transportation will be hosting a Public Hearing to present proposed improvement plans for Miller Road from Illinois Route 31 to River Road on Wednesday, July 22nd from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the City of McHenry Municipal Center. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the proposed improvements, the project schedule, and to obtain public comments. The project consists of widening Miller Road by adding one through lane in each direction as well as turn lanes at various intersections within the project corridor. The project will also involve constructing a new bridge north of the existing bridge over the Fox River.

Currently, over 20,000 vehicles each day use Miller Road and traffic is anticipated to increase to nearly 35,000 vehicles a day by the year 2030. The additional lanes will add capacity to Miller Road as well as help to improve safety for motorists within the project corridor. The project will also enhance the existing shared use path on the south side of Miller Road which will connect Moraine Hills State Park with the existing path system located along Municipal Drive by the McHenry Municipal Center. Construction on the \$24 million project is anticipated to begin in 2011 pending project readiness and funding availability. The project is being funded in part with Federal funds from the federal SAFETEA-LU bill secured through Congresswoman Melissa Bean.

The meeting will be conducted on an informal, open house basis. Exhibits will be on display and an audio-visual presentation will be shown approximately every half-hour. The public is invited to attend.

For more information, please contact the McHenry County Division of Transportation at (815) 334-4960.

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